

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-05**

### **Supplementing Medicare Drug Coverage For Dual Eligible Persons During The Medicare Part D Transition (Amending Executive Orders 2006-01 and 2006-02)**

**WHEREAS**, the federal government mandated that as of January 1, 2006, approximately 97,000 Arizona citizens who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid services switch prescription drug coverage from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to Medicare; and

**WHEREAS**, dual eligible persons are among Arizona's most frail and vulnerable citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, despite extraordinary efforts by the State to prepare for this massive change, there remain instances of members being unable to receive the medication coverage that they require; and

**WHEREAS**, without the ability to obtain prescriptions, dual eligible persons who have life threatening conditions face immediate and future health care crises; and

**WHEREAS**, this situation puts the personal health of our citizens in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2006, I issued Executive Order 2006-01, authorizing expenditures from the Health Crisis Fund to allow AHCCCS to help pay certain expenses incurred between January 1, 2006 and February 1, 2006 by dual eligible person seeking needed medications; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2006, I extended the period for which Health Crisis Fund monies could be used to pay such expenses to and including February 15, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, there continue to be instances of eligible citizens not receiving the prescription coverage they need; and

**WHEREAS**, this situation is neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because it requires neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. The period of time set forth in Executive Order 2006-01 (as amended by Executive Order 2006-02) during which incurred expenses may be paid pursuant to the terms of those Orders is hereby extended to and including March 15, 2006.

2. All other terms set forth in Executive Order 2006-01 (as amended by Executive Order 2006-02) shall remain in full force and effect.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*[Signature]*  
**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 15th day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

**ATTEST:**

*[Signature]*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**